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SENATE RESOLUTION 37  
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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of C. Coulter "Bud" Gilbert as the Senate Republican Caucus appointee to the Registry of election Finance.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203 provides for the creation of the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203 (c)(2) provides that the senate shall appoint two (2) members, one (1) member to be chosen by the members of the Senate Republican Caucus; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Republican Caucus has appointed C. Coulter "Bud" Gilbert to serve on the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance; he will complete the unexpired term of Elizabeth M. Tarpy, which expires on December 31, 2002; and

WHEREAS, C. Coulter "Bud" Gilbert was first elected to the state Senate in 1990 and served with acumen and ability as the Chair of the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, as the Senate Chair of the Workers' Compensation Oversight Committee and as a valuable member of the Senate Transportation Committee; and

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WHEREAS, a native of Maryville, Tennessee, Bud Gilbert graduated from the University of Tennessee with highest honors as an Andy Holt Scholar in 1980; he received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1983; and

WHEREAS, after practicing law with a Wall Street law firm, he returned to Knoxville in 1985, where he immediately immersed himself in community activities, including meritorious service as Chairman of the Main Street Knoxville program and the Knoxville Better Building Board, prior to seeking elected office; and

WHEREAS, Bud Gilbert is presently an attorney and shareholder with the Knoxville law firm of Kennerly, Montgomery and Finley, P.C. His areas of practice include municipal utilities, corporate law and estate planning, and he is a member of the American, Tennessee and Knoxville bar associations; and

WHEREAS, blessed by his parents with an extraordinary work ethic, Bud Gilbert conscientiously works over 2,000 hours each year in his law practice, while generously devoting a similar number of hours each year to public service; and

WHEREAS, in his last two years as a Senator, Bud Gilbert successfully authored and sponsored legislation to reform the Tennessee workers' compensation system, created a forestry advisory panel to address the state's forestry practices, implemented the Governor's Task Force's recommendations aimed at stopping arson at places of worship, mandated medical insurance coverage for the treatment of diabetes, including education for diabetics, supplies and related drugs, and created the popular Friends of the Smoky Mountains special license plate; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary eight-year tenure, Bud Gilbert received numerous awards and accolades for his dedication and excellence as a legislator, including being named the Outstanding Freshman Legislator by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 1992 for his landmark work on DUI reform and receiving the American Cancer Society's Legislative Leadership Award in 1993, the Equal Rights For Victims Award in 1994 from the Tennessee

Victims Coalition and Tennessee District Attorneys Conference, the 1995 County Officials Association of Tennessee's Outstanding Legislator Award, and the Conservation Legislator of the Year Award in 1995 from the Tennessee Conservation League for his outstanding contributions to the responsible use and management of Tennessee's natural resources, three (3) Bird Dog awards from Common Cause for Ethics, Honesty and Integrity in Government Service; and

WHEREAS, Bud Gilbert has contributed significantly to the Knoxville Estate Planning Council, Leadership Knoxville, Knoxville Civitan Club and The Downtown Organization by means of his sterling leadership and singular organizational skills; and

WHEREAS, Bud Gilbert served the good people of Knoxville and Senate District 7 with the utmost professionalism, probity, intelligence and integrity, and his estimable legislative career was honored and recognized by the members of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Bud Gilbert is an excellent choice for this important position; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Republican Caucus, wishes to offer the name of C. Coulter "Bud" Gilbert for confirmation by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this body does hereby confirm the appointment of C. Coulter "Bud" Gilbert to the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance for a term to expire on December 31, 2002.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.